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SUBJ: TURKISH CANDIDATE FOR UN SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION  
OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

1. THE MFA HAS INFORMED US BY NOTE OF ITS INTENTION TO  
PRESENT PROFESSOR HICRI FISEK AS A CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP  
ON THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND  
PROTECTION OF MINORITIES DURING THE FORTHCOMING MEETING  
OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HAS REQUESTED U.S.  
SUPPORT. THE NOTE POINTS OUT THAT ALTHOUGH TURKEY HAS  
PLAYED AN ACTIVE PART IN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS, ITS MEMBERSHIP ON THE SUB-COMMISSION HAS  
BEEN LIMITED TO TWO YEARS, 1967-68.

2. BIO SKETCH: PROFESSOR FISEK WAS BORN SEPTEMBER 22, 1918  
IN IZMIR TURKEY. HE PRESENTLY IS IN CHARGE OF THE  
PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW SECTION OF THE LAW FACULTY AT  
ANKARA UNIVERSITY. HE GRADUATED FROM THE ANKARA  
UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTY IN 1941 AND HAS A DOCTOR OF LAW  
DEGREE FROM NEUCHATEL UNIVERSITY IN SWITZERLAND. IN  
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ADDITION TO TEACHING AT ANKARA UNIVERSITY (WHERE HE WAS  
LAW SCHOOL DEAN FROM 1962 TO 1964) AND THE MIDDLE EAST  
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, PROFESSOR FISEK HAS DONE RESEARCH AT  
THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
(1955-56), AND HE WAS A VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE STRASBOURG  
UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL FROM 1967 TO 1969. HE WAS MADE  
"DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA" BY STRASBOURG IN 1974, AND WAS

NAMED "OFFICER DE LA LEGION D'HONNEUR" IN 1975.  
PROFESSOR FISEK SPEAKS FRENCH AND ENGLISH AND HAS NUMEROUS  
PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS IN TURKISH AND FRENCH. HE IS  
MARRIED AND IS A FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN.

3. RECOMMENDATION: PROFESSOR FISEK IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN  
TO THE EMBASSY. WE BELIEVE HE WOULD BE NOT ONLY A DISTINGUISHED  
REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY BUT ALSO AN ASSET TO THE SUB-  
COMMISSION'S WORK. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE THE GOT REQUEST FOR  
OUR SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY. WE BELIEVE  
TURKISH REPRESENTATION ON THE MINORITIES SUB-COMMISSION WOULD  
BE CONSISTENT WITH US INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN  
TURKEY, INCLUDING THOSE RELATED TO MINORITIES.  
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